OF DEB. RANDOLPH KEIM

THE BEST SOCIETY WRITER IN WASHINGTON IS A MAN.

He Entered the Lists as a Reporter of Social News by the Military Way. What He Offers Is Always Reliable. Ris Eventful Career.

Washington, May 13.-One of the most interesting men in Washington is Mr. DeB. Randolph Keim. Mr. Keim is the court chronicler of the republic, the semiofficial, recognized and authoritative pur-veyor of the news of society. There are other society reporters, plenty of them, and many who report more news and write more gossip than he, but whatever Keim writes goes unquestioned as to its no eursey and undoubted as to the authority by which it is given publicity. Sometimes Mr. Keim is called the court Jenkins, but there is nothing of the prig or the dandy in his composition. He is simply a polish-



DEB. RANDOLPH KRIM.

ed, escnest gentleman, whose specialty in his chosen profession of journalism is the doings of society, and whose careful methods have commended him to the con-fidence of the public. Mr. Kelm's training has not been that of a carpet knight. He has been in more serious campaigns than those which begin New Year's day and come to an end with the advent of Lent. The most successful society writer of Washington is a man, but I am told that a woman could never attain the position which this gentleman occupies,

A woman may be successful as a mere reporter of costumes and small events, but In the larger range of society's netivities none but a man can win the confidence of the chief retors and he note to write an thoritatively and semi-officially. A man was the first society correspondent in Wash-ington. About 1833 Washington society letters made their appearance in The New York Mirror. They were the first of their kind, and created a mild sort of sensation. Soon there were many imitators, and the business of reporting the society of the national capital had made its start. These letters to The Mirror were written by Nathaniel P. Willis, the poet and literateur, Willis was at that time a foppish, slender young man, with a profusion of curly, light hair, and was always dressed in the height of fashion. Having traveled in Europe and there mingled with the aristocratic classes, he affected to look down upon the common people; but with all bis snobbishness he had a wonderful fuculty for endowing trifling occurrences with Interest, and his letters have never been surpassed. It is recalled of Willis that he first introduced steel pens to Washingto having brought over a quantity of those made by Joseph Gillott at formingham. Before this goose quills had been exclu-

of the best families in Pennsylvania, had no aristocratic training for his work. He approached the social field by the military road. During the war of the robellion he aid. While at the front for his paper he formed friendships with such great generals as Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and McPherson, friendships which lasted not long as these men lived. It was before they took him to Mount Metiregor first meeting with Grant was at the front, near Corinth, Miss. On his arrival at headquarters the correspondent approached a plain, common looking man whom he saw standing outside the gener al's tent, wearing a cheup blouse and T am a newspaper correspondent, have just arrived in camp, and I want to see Gen. Grant," said Mr. Keim. "This is the looking man, "and if you will come here to-morrow morning I am sure the general will be glad to see you." Next morning Keim was there, and he found that the man with whom he had talked the night

About this time Keim had his first meethad become incensed at the reports of some of the war correspondents, and had issued orders just before starting on his Meridian



W. P. WILLIS AS A SOCIETY REPORTER. campaign that if any newspaper man was found along with the army he should be tried in a drumboad court martial as a spy and be shot before breakfast. Keim went to his friend, Gen. McPherson, to see what could be done about it. He wanted to go along on the Meridian campaign, but he didn't care to be shot before breakfast, nor after it, for that matter. McPherson said be couldn't do anything, but suggested that Keim see Sherman himself. The general had heard of Keim and knew the che acter of his work, and he received the correspondent kindly. "How about this order of yours," asked Keim; "does it leave me out? Can't I go?" "I wan't have a d-d newspaper man on the expedition." said Sherman, "not one, but that doesn apply to you. You are not a newspace man-you are a volunteer aid on Gen. Mo Pherson's staff." "So I am," said Keim, "I had nearly forgotten that," And Keim Pherson's stail." went on the Meridian raid and on the Red river expedition, and was in the thick of

much of the fighting and campaigning of

that time.
"An incident occurred down there which showed me that there were some dangers in the work of a war correspondent," said ur. Keim, in talking of his career a few lays ago. "I came near being shot for a py. One of Mr. Bennett's rules was that ich of his war correspondents should our week send him a private letter giving such information as the correspondent had been able to get concerning the progress of

the war and yet could not print. In one or WHAT SHALL WE WEAR? my letters to Mr. Bennett I stated that we had the key to the enemy's signal code, and were thus able to know what was go ing on in the opposition lines. Secretary Stanton, who did not like the press very well, had made a rule that the name of every war correspondent should be printed at the top of his dispatches, and this made us careful, for we knew that every word was watched with the vigilance of a hawk

by Stanton and his men. "Imagine my consternation when I was called to headquarters and shown a dispatch from Washington stating that I had printed over my signature in The New York Herald information about the key to the enemy's signal code, and that I should be arrested and punished therefor. I was arrested, but no one seemed to want mg. Sherman said he didn't know with to do with me, and Me-Pherson didn't want to be bothered with me, and so they let it drop. I believe if it had been some new man that had met with this ill luck they would have taken him out and shot him. An investigation showed that Mr. Lark, the telegraph editor in charge of The Herald's dispatches, had by mistake opened the letter addressed to Mr. Bennett, and thinking the contents worth printing, had published a part

of the letter along with my disputches."

Mr. Keim was at the front for The Her ald throughout the war, and in 1865 Mr. Beanett sent him to harope, partly for a vacation, at the expense of the office, and partly to visit and write up the progress of work on the Suez canal. Mr. Keim went down to Egypt, hired some camels and traveled from the Mediterranean to the Red sea in the ditch where it was dug or along the route. Most men would have abandoned this enterprise at its very thresh old, for the first day Mr. Keim was in Alexandria 600 people died of cholera, and his route across the desert was like a path through a hospital and a charnel yard. M. De Lesseps gave Mr. Keim a sketch made by himself of the biblical points along the route of the canal-a sketch which Mr. Keim carefully preserves among a great collection of similar souvenirs of the great men whom he has known.

After traveling in Africa as far south as Zanzibar, in India, Australia and the far east, Mr. Keim returned to Ceylon to await letters from New York. An incident occurred here which greatly changed his carecr. By the accidental delay of a letter



Mr. Keim leit Ceylon for home before reciving certain instructions which had been New York he learned that Mr. Bennett bar, and there to dit out an expedition to Livingstone. The letter directing him to engage in this work was at that very moment lying in the Cevlon postoffice. Mr. Keim offered to return immediately to Africa, but the fertile brain of Mr. Bennett now had other work for him, and for a year or two later it was taken up, and the result was Stanley's finding of Livingstone and discoveries in the interior of Africa. But for an accident Mr. Keim would have been the Stanley, and Stanley

himself might never have been heard of Mr. Keim's first experience in society reporting was on the occasion of a New Year's day reception at the White House during the Johnson administration. On "spread," and Keim's work on this occaupon to do similar assivice thereafter, and the specialty of society writing. Throughout a half dezen administrations he has been intimute with the occupants of the White House, and some of his warmest friends are members of families which have lived in that historic editice. He had such confidential relationship with Andrew Johnson that he was often permitted to look over the minutes which Johnson himself kept of the proceedings of cabinet meetings. When Grant came in Mr. Kelm. was about the only correspondent in Washington with whom the president would talk. Almost every Sunday Keim visited the White House for a talk with Grant, and the interviews which he pubshed were notable contributions to the istory of the times. It was in one of Keim's interviews that Gen. Grant said be would put the District of Columbia under martial law if Henry Watterson, Gen. Steedman and other Democratic leaders army of 100,000 citizens to Washington to

see Tilden inaugurated. "I well remember a talk I had with Gen. Grant about the proposition made to him by the Republican leaders to remain in ofice till his successor was elected, be that soon or late," said Mr. Kelm. "Gen. Grant declared that any attempt on his part to seize the office of president, or hold it a sin-gle minute beyond the statutory time for which he had been elected, would be revolution, and he was not a revolutionist. Gen. Grant very earnestly opposed any such policy on the part of the Republican party, and it is likely that but for his opp some such plan might have been adopted by the Republican managers. Gen. Grant said that if there was no election of his sucessor, and prominent citizens of the republic of both parties were to request him to hold the office till the successorship might be adjusted, he would be willing to that event the interregium which he was willing to bridge over should be made as short as possible, and that if such duty devolved upon him he would have an eye single to the preservation of order and maintenance of justice." ROBERT GRAVES.

A Short Cut.

Tenant-The windows in your house shut so badly that my hair blows all about my head. You must really have some-thing done to them.

Landlord-I don't see the necessity for that. It would be much simpler for you to have your hair cut.—Fliegende Blatter,

A Good Idea. Mr. J. Tony Drossor (getting measured)
-Ha ha! I heard of a funny firm out west, It's a partnership of two men in the same building; one is a tailor and the other a

Mr. Casimer Pance (getting tired)-I s pose the tailor makes the clothes and the lawyer collects the bills .- Puck.

An Appropriate Name. "That's your new terrier, is it? She's a "She ought to be at the price. Come

"Dif What do you call her, Diana?" "No. Diamond: because she's such a as if he had promised dear little thing."—Philadelphia Times.

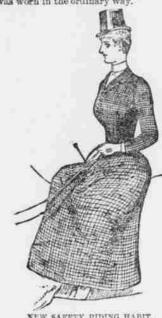
NEW AND NOTABLE STYLES IN THE WORLD OF FASHION.

A Riding Habit Designed to Insure Safety for Its Wearer in Case of Accident-A Stylish Shoulder Cape for Slender Fig-

One result of the current discussion as safety to adopt the cross seat in riding, especially in the hunting field, has been to stimulate the invention of habits which shall not prove death traps in case a fair wearer is unscated. A safety habit recent-ly introduced is described by its English maker as in reality nothing more or less than a pair of trousers, differing very little, if at all, from twose worn by men. The lady as she sits on her saddle is as absolutely free from the embarrassment of a skirt as if she had merely borrowed her nusband or her brother's garments.

But there is this small but very neces

sary addition to them; an apron of cloth is attached as far as the knee of the right leg and is buttoned down on the left hip as far as the saddle; from thence it falls quite free and, in fact, as an apron would which was worn in the ordinary way.



NEW SAFETY RIDING HABIT. There is a second apron to be worn be-hind when the rider is dismounted, and which is suspended by buttons under the front apron for carriage when not in use. When worn this second apron hooks on to the lower portion of the front of the habit so as to loop it up for walking in a not ungraceful style.

There are the usual straps for the heel of the stirrup foot and for the toe of the other, which suffice to keep the habit, or rather apron, in its place when the wearer is riding, and there is certainly this advantage about it, that the dangerous gores and pockets are all done away with, and there would seem nothing that could very well catch on the pummel in case of an accident. Meanwhile, with one of the coat bodices now in fashion, there is nothing to show the uninitiated that this truly "combined" parment trenches very closely on the attire of the other sex. It, of course, belongs to that class of safety habit which contemplates the rider taking her skirt-if we may stretch a point to call it so-with her, and not leaving it to the horse, in case of an ac-

Mrs. Power O'Donoghue, a horse woman familiar with the steeple chase courses of Ireland, pronounced distinctly against the proposed innovation of ladies riding astride to ride, and who adopts a well made saddle. short, properly cut skirt, without hem or footstraps, and a plain, light, racing stirrup, without any publing to catch the in-step or imbed the foot, is quite as safe, and nommels to give her "purchase," than a

Neck wear, we are assured on as high authority as Clothier and Furnisher, has become an item of expense scarcely second to none in the swell's wardrobe. The lower cut of the waistcoats and coats at the neck will bring the Landsome Ascots and De Joinvilles into still greater favor. When the dark, sold color textures in clothing are the rule for spring and summer, the sale of the delicate light shades in neck wear is greatly increased, and vice versa. The faith in Windsors, as shown by the multiplicity of the designs exhibited, presaces an outing season that will afford the summer young man a widely horizoned scope for the exercise of his vagaries. In Windsors, therefore, the impetus under which the great body of this style will be sold-that is, to be worn with light outing suits-the quieter patterns should enjoy a greater run than what appears to be the more seasonable designs. The American ed only the shades and patterns of the imshades of blue, elephant, heliotrope gray and sky smoke, all with well accentuated black figurings, are the choice of what



FOUNG LADY'S SHOULDER CAPE. The cape here illustrated is of dark brown vigogne, with velvet plastron and collar. The hat worn with it is of fancy straw in fawn color, with soft green ribbon

An Act of Courage, will marry him. Practical Person-Brave, brave girl!

Not Like Santa Claus.

But them's the things wot never suits yer homely Uncle Bill!

o whether ladies ought not for the sake of The time I allus feel the mileenyum's come to

man is with his leg pressure and even seat.

Neck Wear for Men.

A Stylish Shoulder Cape. The shoulder cape shown in the cut is a pretty and stylish example of one of the popular features of out-of-door tollets at this season. These jaunty little capes are much affected by youthful wearers and are very graceful and becoming to slender



Romantic Person-He is penniless and without prospects, and yet she loves and "But why so particularly brave"

"To trust herself to him."-Chicago

Bobby-Don't be scared yet. Johnnie. Perhans your father didn't mean it when prefer! he said he would lick you.
Little Johnnie-Yes, he did. It wasn't as if he had promised to bring me home a I to get around again - Keystone.

You kin chirp about yer cities an' yer miles o' brown stan frunts, an' yer swarries, balls an' cepshuns, an' yer other plaisure hunts; Yer 'leo'tic light an' hoss cars an' steam b'llers

Yer brown stan frunts looks pert enuff an' solid like an' clein, But ain't nothin' to a farm house nee'lin' white amongst the green;
An' yer boasted ole servicty's a pack o' lies, b'gosh! Worser'n patent med'cine cir'lars er Doc Wig-

rins' weather bosh ! An' knowin' at her time has cum to halp all things rejoice.
The ole cow in the clover fiel' lifts up her good. An' inn'cent like the peaceful lambs begins to skip an' romp, While the builfrog gargles out his throat 'way back ther in the swamp.

> pass Is after supper's over an' I'm settin' on the grass A-lis nin' to the cherrup o' the birds among the A-twitterin' sweeter music 'an Miss Patty to the Wot comes sobbin' through the branches fer to

kiss the dyin' sun An' goes flirtin' with the swallers 'fore the kiss is While the sun keeps peggin' right along a layth' on his paint.

'Mid the whis'le o' the chic'dee and the nightings of fruit and poured out our

hawk's s'rill complaint.

An' so I set here, happy, 'ith the children at my A-askin' lots o' fool queshuns about the buzzin' An' when the wind hes died away an' ev'rything

I stretch my legs along the grass an' say out with a will, "Sum folks hankers for the city, but this suits yer Uncie Billi"

-K. C. Tapley in Judge.

Another Sad Failure. The other forenoon a man was leaning over the railing of the bridge at one of the piers and looking down the bay, when another man came along and accosted him

"Excuse me, sir, but can"-"Never am without it," interrupted the first, as he turned and presented a plug "Thanks, but I don't chew, I wanted to

"Yes, I've got a match," be interrupted again, as he pulled one from his vest

'I don't want a match. I want to ask"-"Go and buy your own cigars," growled the first as he turned away. "Man who odate is always sure to get left."-New York Sun.

Getting Even.



feel alt." "Why, Tommy, you're not at the jam A slight, graceful figure; a countenance exquisitely chiseled, with dark hair rip-pling away from a broad, low brow, and again, and only spanked for it an hour 'Yes, mar; I heard you tell suntle you thought you had whipped me too hard, and I thought I'd even things up."-The

Smart, if He Was a Dude. "I am told that you are writing poetry again," said Miss Belle Pepperton to Willie

"That is too bad, I'm sure. Why didn't Well, I found, you know, that there was no way of making 'youth' and 'beauty' and 'gwace' and 'loveliness' whyme with Belle,

so I gave it up."-Washington Post.

"Since my visit to the country last summer," observed Jonesby, "I have always wondered why naturalists do not class the ben among the highly musical birds. 'Why should they?" asked Weeks won-

Reporter-I have a great scheme. City Editor (eagerly)—What is it? Reporter—Let me have \$25 and I'll write up a three column sensation on "How it feels to have a new suit."—Clothier and

Working Up a Sensation.

Change About Is Fair Play. "Have you got so you can ride your bi-Yes, at last," "How was it at first?"

No. Just Right. Brown-I saw a plate of boiler iron rolled out today until it was no thicker than a

"It rode me."-Chicago Times.

I see that a noted thief out west swallowed a valuable shirt stud to escape de-Sort of diamond in the rough, ch!-American Grocer.

Waxing and Waning. "Is this the chancellor's seal?" "Yes." "Bismarck is no longer on the wax," "No, on the wane."-New York Sun.

"Curious fact in serpentology."

\$1,000,000 worth of real estate."

Contributor-Way!

"What's that?" "It is the snake that is rattled that gets in the best work."-New York Sun. Yes, Indeed. First Goose-You are shedding your

Very Singular,

feathers. Second Goose-Yes; it is a great downfall, isn't it?--Exchange. He Needed the Money. "William Waldorf Astor has just sold

He wanted to buy a little ice, I suppose."

thought, "it's because Latin's a dead lan-guage, you know."—Washington Post.

"Sitting Bull, posterity will know that we called together." F. W. W. -New York Sun. On His Dignity. Dick Strapt-I can't see, Mose, why you "I wonder," said a department clerk to Willie Wishington, "why so many of the call this little pince a "Tonsorial Emporinm." Why, you have only one chair!
Professor Harccott - Yeah, soh; inscriptions on the tombstones are-in Lating doesn't dat show dat I do er high toned "Perhaps," said Willie after 'n' excittaive business! All my patrons am shaved by the boss.—Puck.

The Kind of Jokes He Liked. A Suggestion. Contributor-What kind of jokes do you "Give me 2.367," shouted Cumso into the Editor-Leap year jokes.

telephone.

He repented it six times unsuccessfully, and then Fangle suggested:
"Try a smaller number first and gradu-ally work up."—New York Sun. Editor-Because it takes them four years

THE WICHITA EAGLE

"THE ROSE OF FLAME."

Sketch of Anne Reeve Aldrich, a Rising

Boston, May 12.-Some time ago there

fashed upon the reading world a volume

of poems entitled "The Rose of Flame," by Anne Reeve Aldrich. Intense, tingling

with life and magnetism, full of intuitive

vision and imaginative grace that fasci-nated and baffied readers by the very white

heat of the feeling embodied. Now there

Feet of Love," and the world is asking who

Miss Aldrich is a native of New York,

where she was born in 1856. In her early girlhood her father removed to Long Island,

but four years ago the family returned to

New York, where they are now living. The

young girl received most of her instruction

under masters at home, although the most

"I used to print little stories and plays

said recently to a friend, "but when I was

about 7 I left off this primitive literature

and became absorbed in instituting a kind

ANNE REEVE ALDRICH.

The comedy element in this is supplied

ame frightened at this reconstruction of a

odern Druidic religion, and the children

were forbidden to join in this worship of

unknown gods, leaving the imaginative

When about 15 her poetic gift began to as

sert itself unmistakably. She sent a crude little poem to Scribner's Monthly (now The

Century magazine) and Mr. Gilder, who was

then assistant editor, returned it as a mat-

ter of course, but sent with it so kind a

letter that the young girl trod on air after reading it. Mr. Gilder has always con-tinued to be Miss Aldrich's friend, and his

occasional criticism has been most valua-

ble to her. Since that first audacity of early youth, Miss Aldrich has had poems

accepted by The Century.

Miss Aldrich loves the city as Thorean

did the country. She wants people, always, It is life, not nature, that appeals to her. It is the intensest life with which she is in

verse that celebrates nature. She is, in-deed, the daughter of the intensest period

Senator Evaris and Sitting Bull.

and famous warrior sevan years ago. It was at the laying of the corner stone of the

capitol of Dakota at Bismarck, and there

hibition of men and manners.

as there a unique and remarkable ex-

minister, half a dozen French and British

paint, Chinamen redolent of opium, rough shirted pioneers, Indies and gentlemen

from the polite society of two continents,

whited reses and crimson ribbons, citizens

suggestion of a sneer in their adding to

men and farmers from miles away, and the

inent part of all frontier towns. So strange

and mixed a congregation of men and wo-

men probably never gathered together in one place and doubtless never will again.

Into the corner stone box nearly all the

was prevailed on to arrawl his autograph, and as he laid it in the box Mr. Evarts

bundled up in a coat four sizes to big for

him, dropped his name into the receptacle

also. The two cards fluttered down simul-

taneously. The great Indian's face dis-

secretary gracefully lifting his hat to the Slour chief, neatly said:

of intelligence as the ex-

little Anne a very forlorn priestess with no

by the fact that the children's parents be-

as soon as I could form the letters,

valuable part of her education, perhaps

s Anne Reeve Aldrich?

and of medieval literature.

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cess little less than phenominal as a ALBANT, N. Y. May 12 - Sanator Evarts
the possessor of a rather striking please and success deformities, club foot, curvature of the ladien child String Poll sizes. of the late Indian chief Sixting Paul, given him during the visit of the Soura delegates to Washington. The senator prizes it highly, for hichard something akin to admiration for the copper cohored savage who slaw Gen. Caster's troop, never took government rations, never traveled among the whites to learn how to civilize his people, and gave the United States army more trouble than all the Indians of the plains put together.

The plant diseases of the spine, hip joint diseases, white swetting, diseases of the bone, cancer, alcers, tumors, old sores, hair lip, facial blemishes, skin and blood diseases, etc. Syphiles absolutely curred. Dector Purdy was late processor of surgery in the Wichita Medical College and Surgeon to St. Francis Hospital, having relinquished the above possitions in order to devote his entire time to his specialities.

N. B. Superflows him figures of the bone, white swetting, diseases of the bone, white swetting, diseases of the bone.

Is in the presence of company."—American Grocer.

In put together.

Never shall I forget the circumstances under which I first saw this really brave and famous warrior seven years ago. It

DOCTOR TERRILL,

I do not believe any city or state in the 154 N MAIN ST., WICHITA, KAN. Union has held at one time so historie, interesting and remarkable a body of celebraties as sat upon the rude little platform which covered the foundation escous of Dakota's territorial capital. There were Gen, Grant and Sitting Bull (the latter brought up from the Sioux reservation, near by), Hon, W. M. Evarts the Earl of Onslow, Baron Salvator, Carl Schurg and

Osslow, Baron Salvator, Carl Schurz and Henry Villard, the towering Governor Ord-way, the English ambassador, the German alysis, nervous prostration, etc., to th out today until it was no thicker than a sheet of tissue paper.

Robinson (incredulous)—Oh, that's too thin.—Washington Star.

minister, half a dozen French and highest woutering a fixed from "electricity" when solve the new capital is, or was then, a mile or two out on the prairie—they expected Bis marck togrow to it—and the exercises took feature of his practice. The doctors are the controlled to the co march to grow to if—and the exercises took place during the early morning. Around has the finest fifty diamond carbon this platform was fringed one of the cell bartery ever seen in the west and attrangest mixtures of the human family I all the appliances especially adapted to the treatment of lost manhoed tenderhots, fediens in the giers of war or seminal weakness, which he quickly and permanently cures by the aid of electricity.

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